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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 218

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 7328

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, LE, PLO

SUBJECT: ATTACKS AGAINST PFLP-GC IN TRIPOLI

1. OCTOBER 22 DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTED STATEMENT BY PFLP-GC  
OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN CRITICIZING IRAQI ATTACK PREVIOUS DAY  
AGAINST PFLP-GC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMAN  
DER  
MUHAMMAD HAMID ABU HUMAYD. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, ABU HUMAYD, HIS  
WIFE, AND SEVEN COMRADES WERE ASSASSINATED BY IRAQI FORCES.

2. CONSOFF TALKED WITH SOURCE OCTOBER 26 WHO ARRIVED SAME DAY  
FROM TRIPOLI. SOURCE CLAIMED THREE DAYS AGO FATAH FORCES COMING  
FROM BEIRUT ATTACKED AND KILLED "POPULAR FRONT" LEADER ALONG WITH  
SEVERAL SUPPORTERS. SOURCE COMMENTED THAT "PALESTINIANRIGHT  
HAS ELINIATED PALESTINIAN LEFT IN TRIPOLI DURING PAST FEW DAYS\*"  
BELIEVE HE REFERRING TO ALTERNATE VERSION OF EVENT ASCRIBED BY  
SYRIAN MEDIA TO IRAQIS. SOURCE ADDED THAT NIGHT OF OCTOBER  
25-26 WAS CALM IN TRIPOLI WITH NO SHOTS FIRED.

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3. COMMENT: DAMASCUS LEADERSHIP APPARENTLY CONCERNED LEST ITS

RECENT ADVERSARIES IN LEBANON, EITHER IRAQI OR PALESTINIAN, USE  
CEASEFIRE TO SETTLE OLD SCORES WITH FACTIONS SUPPORTED BY SYRIA.  
IF THIS PROCESS CONTINUES, WE EXPECT SYRIAN ARMY WILL FIND WAYS  
TO PROTECT SYRIA'S SUPPORTERS.  
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